



# ANNUAL REPORT 2015 -2016

Missouri Community Service Commission

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# MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

*To Strengthen Missouri Communities Through Volunteerism and Service.*



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Dear Friends of MCSC,

On behalf of the Missouri Community Service Commission and our Missouri AmeriCorps Programs, we are honored to submit this annual report for 2015-2016. This past year has provided a number of challenges for our state commission and for our programs as they work to "Strengthen Missouri Communities through Volunteerism and Service". Through intentional work and partnerships that encourage and strengthen opportunities for volunteerism, AmeriCorps continues to address the most pressing local needs by getting things done.

Over the past year, we have seen firsthand the amazing impact that our programs make everyday in people's lives. Our diverse group of programs continue to provide opportunities in disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy commission futures, and for veterans and military families. We are delighted to report to you that the MCSC and our 20 programs across Missouri are thriving because of their commitment to service and collaboration. This past year, the Commission and the AmeriCorps programs have expanded working relationships with local state and national organizations. These relationships have renewed efficiency of services provided to Missouri communities and maximized the impact of those services.

Through continued service at the local level, the Commission is confident that the legacy of national service is carried on by connecting Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. It is an honor to present this annual report and the contributions and investment it reflects. Thank you to all who have made it possible. We look forward to our future opportunities to work together.

Sincerely,

Don Stamper  
Executive Director



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In 1994 The Missouri Community Service Commission was created by state statute in response to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. It is comprised of 15-25 Commissioners representing local government, non-profit sector, local business, and National Service. The MCSC is managed by five full time staff.

The Missouri Community Service Commission is part of a cadre of community improvement tools available through the Division of Business and Community Services within the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). By building stronger communities, these programs help build an environment that makes economic progress possible.



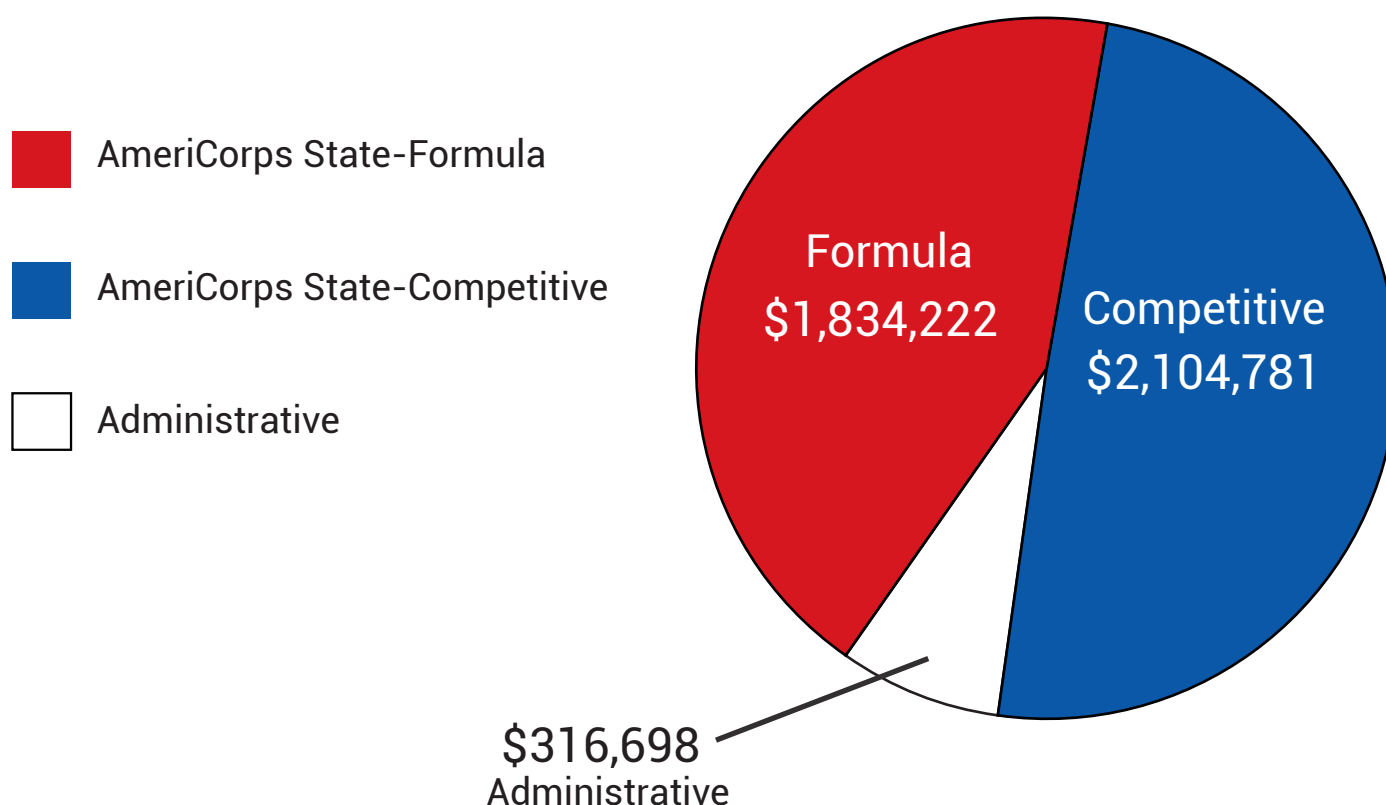
## MISSION

The Missouri Community Service Commission connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service.

The MCSC serves as the administrator for AmeriCorps State funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support.

## VISION

To Strengthen Missouri Communities through Volunteerism and Service.





## MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION

*To Strengthen Missouri Communities Through Volunteerism and Service.*



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) and our staff we submit the 2015-2016 Annual Report. Since 1994 MCSC has worked diligently to help establish an increase sense of community throughout our state. Our efforts have been directed toward encouraging volunteerism and providing AmeriCorps Grants to local communities. Funding received from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) located in Washington D.C. enables local communities to implement AmeriCorps programs across our state. AmeriCorps members provide direct services that address the most pressing local needs. This type of collaboration is an essential link to address our common priorities and greatest needs.

AmeriCorps works by "getting things done" expanding educational and economic opportunity, and building future leaders. I want to congratulate the AmeriCorps programs and members who made this possible we hope you enjoy reviewing our annual report.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at 573-751-7488 or toll free at 877-210-7611.

Sincerely,

Russ Unger  
Chair



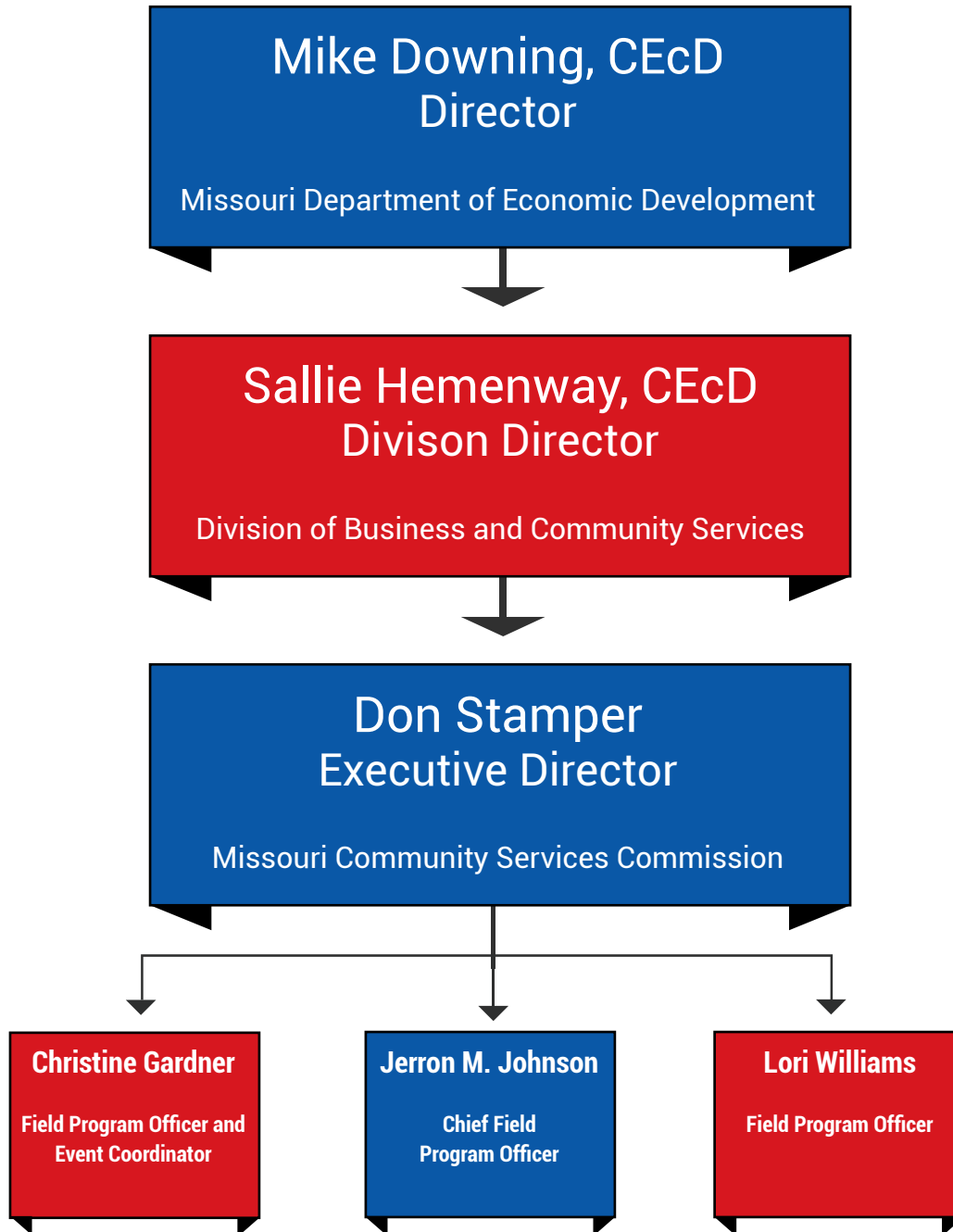
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# Missouri Community Service Commission

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## Organization Chart





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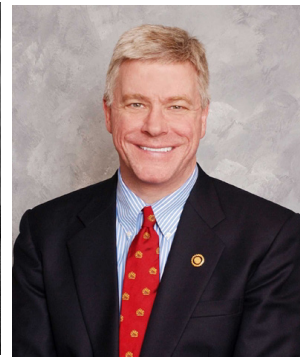
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# The AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America - to make our people safer,  
smarter and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action.  
Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.  
Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps Member and I will get things done.

## AmeriCorps Values

### Getting Things Done

through direct and demonstrable  
service that helps solve  
community problems.

### Strengthening Communities

by bringing together  
Americans of all ages and  
backgrounds in the common  
effort to improve our  
communities.

### Encouraging Responsibility

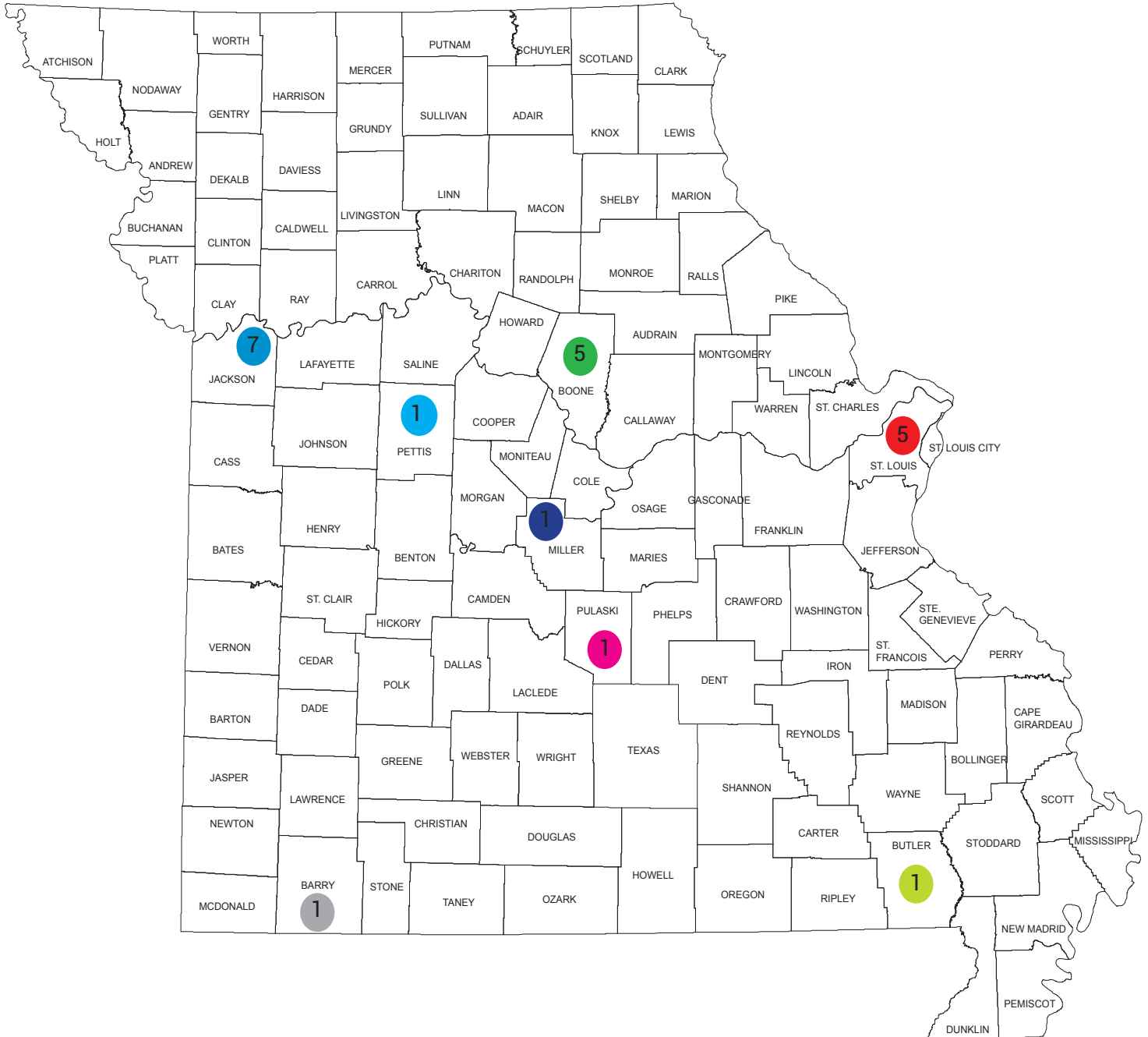
by enabling Members to  
explore and exercise their  
responsibilities toward their  
communities, their families,  
and themselves.

### Expanding Opportunity

by enhancing Members'  
educational opportunities, job  
experience, and life skills.



# Program Location



\*\*\*The numbers located within each county represent the number of AmeriCorps Programs in that area.\*\*\*



# Program Directory

## COLUMBIA AREA

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri

573.874.3677  
866.738.3208  
<http://www.bigsofcentralmo.org/>

### CLAIM AmeriCorps

573.817.8300 ext 214  
[www.missouricclaim.org](http://www.missouricclaim.org)

### Jumpstart Missouri – Columbia

University of Missouri  
573.882.8942  
[www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org)

### Missouri College Advising Corps

University of Missouri  
573.884.1928  
<http://mcac.missouri.edu>

### Missouri River Communities Network

573.256.2602  
<http://www.moriver.org>

## ELDON AREA

### PAVE AmeriCorps

573.392.8060  
[www.paveamericorps.weebly.com](http://www.paveamericorps.weebly.com)

## INDEPENDENCE AREA

### Child Abuse and Prevention

Association  
816.252.8838  
[www.childabuseprevention.org](http://www.childabuseprevention.org)

## KANSAS CITY AREA

### Harvesters-The Community Food Network AmeriCorps Community Outreach

816.929.3000  
[www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org)

### Jumpstart Missouri – Kansas City

University of Missouri- Kansas City  
816.235.1003  
[www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org)

### Metro Lutheran Ministry

816.931.0027  
<https://www.mlmkc.org>

### Teach for America – Kansas City

816.753.0774  
[www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org)

### The Literacy Lab (Missouri Reading Corps)

816.479.5444  
[www.theliteracylab.org](http://www.theliteracylab.org)

### YMCA of Greater Kansas City

816.561.9622  
[www.kansascityymca.org](http://www.kansascityymca.org)

## PURDY AREA

### Purdy Reading Coaches

417.442.3217 ext 5  
[www.purdy.k12.com/pages/Americorps.aspx](http://www.purdy.k12.com/pages/Americorps.aspx)

## POPLAR BLUFF AREA

### Poplar Bluff's Promise

573.778.2650  
[www.poplarbluffspromise.org](http://www.poplarbluffspromise.org)

## SEDALIA AREA

### Missouri Alliance of the Boys and Girls Club

573.884.1963

## SPRINGFIELD AREA

### Kingdom House

314.421.0400  
[www.kingdomhouse.org](http://www.kingdomhouse.org)

## ST. LOUIS AREA

### AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety-Service Corps

314.772.9002  
[www.americorps-stl.org](http://www.americorps-stl.org)

### College Bound AmeriCorps

314.361.4441  
[www.collegebound.stl.org](http://www.collegebound.stl.org)

### International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis

314.773.9090  
[www.iistl.org](http://www.iistl.org)

### Teach for America – St. Louis

314.621.9100  
[www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org)

## WAYNESVILLE AREA

### Waynesville AmeriCorps

573.433.2030  
[www.waynesville.k12.mo.us](http://www.waynesville.k12.mo.us)

# National Service in Missouri

## MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MISSOURI

More than 6,100 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Missouri. Serving at more than 940 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$15,570,000 to support Missouri communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$10,910,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 1,000 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Missouri. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Missouri Community Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 13,000 Missouri residents have served more than 19 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$43,160,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 5,000 seniors in Missouri contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 2,700 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 670 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 470 groups across Missouri.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Missouri, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing more than \$57,000 in expanding the impact of 2 nonprofits in Missouri. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

*Information on this page reflects active programs as of February 22, 2016*

# Missouri At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	16	29	146	\$783,109	\$717,430 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects	7	8	63	-	- <sup>4</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	4	52	182	\$818,431	\$1,834,222
AmeriCorps State Formula	17	129	593	\$2,390,529	\$2,171,931
AmeriCorps VISTA	10	55	78	\$447,840	\$1,273,818
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>\$4,439,908</b>	<b>\$5,997,401</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
AmeriCorps Fixed Amount Grant	-	1	-	-	-
Foster Grandparent Program	8	188	739	-	\$2,470,315
RSVP	17	475	3,999	-	\$958,065
Senior Companion Program	4	31	336	-	\$808,310
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>5,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,236,690</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	2	-	-	-	\$57,442
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$57,442</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$362,142
September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance	1	-	-	-	\$162,000
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$317,039
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$841,181</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>968 <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>6,136</b>	<b>\$4,439,908</b>	<b>\$11,132,714</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$15,572,622</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$10,912,509 <sup>6</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$26,485,131</b>

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

<sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2015 - 2016 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.

<sup>2</sup> This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Missouri. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.

<sup>3</sup> AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.

<sup>4</sup> Missouri is served by the AmeriCorps NCCC campus located in Lakewood, Colorado.  
In the past year, AmeriCorps NCCC teams have served on projects in Salem, Jefferson City, Poplar Bluff, Waynesville, Springfield, Saint Louis, Kansas City, Hannibal, Glencoe, Potosi, Eureka.

<sup>5</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.

<sup>6</sup> As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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# TOGETHER WE...

## Transform Education

**Change** lives through mentoring  
**Improve** graduation rates  
**Help** high school seniors get into and graduate college  
**Help** prepare students for kindergarten  
**Support** educational institutions through teacher development and placement



*"The best thing about my service in PAVE AmeriCorps, that I DID NOT expect, is the bond that has been made with so many students. This bond differs from student to student, because every child needs and deserves different forms of attention. They need me to see them, hear them, and help them"*

-James Snow  
AmeriCorps Member  
at PAVE AmeriCorps

## Encourage Environmental Stewardship

**Preserve** local landscapes  
**Improve** national forests, state parks, and conservation lands  
**Create** and improve public trails

*"We serve on a lot of very important projects, but often times we give our time and work hard, but we don't necessarily get to see the benefits or results of what we have done. We may build a fire line, but never see the burn. On a recent project, we did get a bit of a peak into results. As we thinned the forest, the floor slowly lets more light in, and it's easy to see the difference."*

Carolyn Stephen,  
AmeriCorps Member at  
AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Safety Service Corps

## Create Healthy Futures

**Help** seniors find the best healthcare coverage for their needs  
**Increase** access to food and nutrition services  
**Teach** children how to live more active lives  
**Help** new Americans receive vital health care services  
**Prevent** child abuse through education, outreach, and counseling



*"Assisting with our farm training program for refugees inspires my commitment to service. My favorite part is watching our students turn around and teach their spouses, children and neighbors about the new skills and concepts they are learning."*

Summer Jensen  
AmeriCorps Member at International Institute

## Generate Economic Opportunity

**Improve** financial literacy with new Americans  
**Support** resume development and employment readiness  
**Repair** homes for those below the poverty line



# Assist Veterans and Military Families

**Engage** local military and families in national service

**Provide** support and enrichment for children of military families



"In my youth up to high school I used to brag about how I was going to save my city. I never actually thought the day would come where I would help my city in a time of crisis. The Emergency Response Team sent me all over the place but to be sent to my own city to help it was a dream come true. It wasn't a walk in the park but I never felt more alive helping out my community."

Seamus Hamilton  
AmeriCorps Member at  
AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Safety Service Corps

## Provide Disaster Service

**Train** communities in disaster preparedness

**Respond** to local and national disasters



# TOGETHER WE... Make an Impact

Together with their partners, the Missouri Community Service Commission changes the lives of the citizens of Missouri. A special thanks to them for their continued support to service and volunteerism.



## Engage Volunteers

**Inspire** volunteerism through initiatives like 9/11 day of service and MLK Day of Service

**Encourage** AmeriCorps programs to leverage community support through volunteer recruitment

**Recognize** individuals and organizations who go above and beyond through the MCSC Annual Awards Celebration

**Coordinate** Monsanto high school scholarship for service

**Participate** in service through the MCSC annual food and coat drive

26,773

Volunteers recruited

101,797

Hours Served

## Develop Members

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"I have been tutoring for two years now, and still love what I do. AmeriCorps helps students, but it also helps the members too. I have learned so much while doing AmeriCorps, I truly do not know where else I could have gotten the experience that I now have at such a young age. This program helps everyone involved!"

Seamus Hamilton  
AmeriCorps Member at  
Poplar Bluff R-1





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